

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on November 15, 2005, and the references cited therewith. In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 16-23, 42, and 46-52 were held allowable.

Claims 5-15, 24-26, 39-41, 43-45, and 53-116 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to pursue said claims in at least one continuing or divisional application. Claims 117-119 are added. Support for claims 117-119 can be found at, *inter alia*, [0177] in the published application. Claims 1-4, 16-23, 27-38, 42, 46-52, and 117-119 are now pending in this application.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 24, and 25 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. 2,097,018 to Chamberlin. Claims 53-63, 65, 66, 72-74, 76-80, 82, 87, 93-97, and 99 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. 3,913,179 to Rhee. Claim 39 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Seitzinger. Claim 43 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. 2,427,176 to Aldeen. Claims 67-71 and 88 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. 6,042,534 to Gellman et al. Claims 106-116 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. 6,273,852 to Lehe et al. Claim 41 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly unpatentable over Seitzinger in view of Lehe et al.

Applicants respectfully traverse the foregoing rejections. However, in order to facilitate prosecution, said claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-13, 26-38, 40, 44, 45, 64, 75, 81, 83-86, 89-92, 98, and 100-105 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Each of those claims but for 27-38 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 27 is an independent claim, and claims 28-38 depend thereon.

III. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel (678-342-4880) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0835

Respectfully submitted,

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